

Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of the City of Chetek held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 220 Stout Street, Chetek, WI

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeff Martin.

Present: Jeff Martin, Earl Grover, Terry Hight, Mark Edwards, Scott Bachowski

Approve agenda - Motion by Bachowski to approve with an amendment to move the item "public docks" under old business to item number 4 on the agenda. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Mayor Martin announced a closed session later in meeting under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session - consider a proposal to purchase city property, reconvene; act on closed session item, if any.

Consent agenda - Council minutes from April, city claims from April, accept and place on file department/board reports as submitted: Plan Commission-April; Board of Appeals appointments-Shawn Ayers & Mark Etten; "Class A" intoxicating liquor and Class "A" fermented malt beverage license to Fostvedt, LLC d/b/a Fostbites Spirits. Motion to approve by Hight, 2nd by Bachowski. Carried.

Old business -

Terry Hight wanted to discuss the status of employees that were furloughed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The public works employees have been back full-time for the last couple of weeks. He met with Carol Burnham regarding the library and she advised that she is back 90% and the remaining library employees are working at about 50%. She also advised that she is working under the direction of the library board. Donna Bachowski advised that she has been filling her time with helping with the meals at the center, helping at city hall, parks projects, painting at the airport park, etc. She will be meeting with Laura Suave, Barron County public health program manager, to determine when the community center would be opening for senior citizens. She will also be asking about direction on whether the Center will be able to open for private events/rentals.

New Business

Council members discussed the status of businesses opening and the effect of the Supreme Court decision to overturn the "Stay-at-home order. Mayor Martin stated business owners and individuals will need to use their own judgment regarding the opening of their businesses and how to protect themselves. We will see how Barron County proceeds and what direction will get from them.

Hight motioned to approve an agreement between Feighs (Charles and Janice at 101 Pine Street - parcel 211-1265-11-000) and the City of Chetek whereas Feighs acknowledge and agree that the City has an easement to construct, maintain, repair, replace, and/or reconstruct the sewer line under the property described in the agreement and allows Feighs to construct a garage on the property over the sewer line under the terms of the agreement. Motion 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Ordinance 774A - renumbering Sec. 66-164 boat launch fees. Motion to approve by Hight, 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Public docks - the proposed dock system at the public access at Stout Street was discussed. Dave Ziarnik stated he wasn't in favor of the docks being extended out so far or the cost of the dock system. He also did not like the idea of a privacy fence being put up along the property line. Jim & Pat Hallquist also expressed concern regarding the dock system and the noise it will cause from boaters using the docks during the evening hours after being at the local bars. Bachowski explained the dock system configuration was altered to appease both adjoining property owners so the boats would be docked further away from the shoreline. He also

advised he received prices for fencing to give more privacy for the residents on either side of the public access. Kathy Ziarnik questioned why the dock system couldn't be put in at the Knapp Street access. Bachowski stated that when the idea had been previously discussed the concern was the cost due to the steep grade, the stormwater pipe location, and whether or not it had to be handicap accessible. Dan Knapp stated that some of the cost was associated with some street work and relocating the storm sewer. Earl Grover advised he got a cost for a stair system for the Knapp Street location. Scott advised this dock system project was the result of the resident and tourist survey showing this as the number one amenity desired. He has received numerous emails from residents and business owners in favor of the dock system. The discussion was abated after much dissension.

Ordinance 776A - amending section 10-26(e) license quotas - Bachowski motioned to approve. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Resolution 2020-05 waiving interest and penalties on property tax payment installations due on or after April 1, 2020, through October 1, 2020, due to the economic hardship created by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Hight motioned to approve, 2nd by Grover. Carried.

ATV-UTV - Motion by Edwards, 2nd by Bachowski, to approve opening up all local roads to ATV/UTV use. Carried

Hight requested that the sewer charges for the Housing Authority's April utility billing be credited again due to another large water loss. The Housing Authority has had problems with their water pipes and large water usage since October 2019. According to Terry Hight, the Housing Authority was advised that the pipes should have been replaced approximately 8 years ago. Due to the weather, they have not been able to make the necessary repairs. They temporarily fixed the leak and are planning on replacing the entire system this spring. Motion by Grover to approve, 2nd by Hight. Hight-yes, Grover-yes, Edwards-yes, Bachowski-No. Carried.

Ronald Gamble at 109 Moore Street submitted a request to harbor two additional dogs due to their daughter temporarily moving back in with them along with two dogs. Bachowski motioned to approve the request on a temporary basis until August 14, 2020. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Motion by Hight, 2nd by Edwards, to write off 2019 personal property tax for Florida's Natural Food, Little Creations, and Chetek Recreation Association. Carried.

2020 Paving projects - Hight motioned to reject the Monarch paving bid. 2nd by Edwards. Bachowski abstained. Motion carried. Hight motioned to accept proposal from Barron County - 2nd by Edwards. Bachowski abstained. Motion carried.

Hiring part-time help - Bachowski motioned to approve the hiring of Cayden Tchop for part-time seasonal help in the public works department at a wage of \$14.00 per hour at 30 hours or less per week. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Water/Sewer extension for Camp Chetek - the utility committee discussed the water/sewer project for the camp which will involve extending services along Lakeview Drive for the new structure being built. There will be a new hydrant and lift station. The cost of the project will be approximately \$250,000.

Kipp Malmanger requested the City share 10% of the cost as they have a donor that will match that 10%. Motion by Edwards to approve, 2nd by Hight. carried.

Parks - Donna Bachowski gave an update on the park improvements. She stated that she and Carmen Newman put together a DNR grant for tree removal and replacement due to storm damage. The City was awarded \$50,000. Some of the money is being used to replace trees lost at Phillips Park, removing tree stumps, and the remainder of the money will cover the cost to log off the water tower hill and remove other tree stumps in the city. She advised that a donor is helping with improvements at Phillips Park and will include new trees, shrubs, benches, walkways, etc. The Lions Club will be painting the bathroom doors at the beach.

Motion by Bachowski to go into closed session as noted earlier in the meeting, 2nd by Hight. Carried.
Motion to go into open session by Bachowski, 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Bachowski. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer